

Clerk reading. Introduced by George Syas of the 13th district. (read). There are amendments by Senator Gary Anderson, Vice Chairman of the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee. Senator Anderson's not here.

SENATOR SYAS: What they are is they put the, make the bill rewrite and they have to be in those particular places. They're minor amendments and clarify the bill. Nothing really new or outstanding.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the committee amendments? Question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Those opposed say no. It is so ordered, the committee amendments are adopted. Back to you, Senator Syas.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, I do have pending the Waldron amendment and Senator Syas says they're to be taken off.

PRESIDENT: Well, we have the Waldron amendment up here and-- Senator Syas what, you said that he was going to withdraw this--

SENATOR SYAS: I said that he told me that he would not offer it. Now I don't know if he changed his mind or not but the mere fact--I can't wait for Senator Waldron to be in here when bills come up all the time, but he told me he was not going to offer it--

PRESIDENT: Well, stand by just a minute.

SENATOR SYAS: --and I have no reason to tell you a falsehood.

PRESIDENT: Stand by just a minute. Senator Barnett, do you have some input here?

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, has Senator Waldron been excused?

PRESIDENT: No.

SENATOR BARNETT: He has not? Could I ask a page to go request Senator Waldron?

PRESIDENT: Sure. Let's bypass it then just for now until we settle the point, Senator Syas. That would be a little out of order in order to--

CLERK: Senator Kelly asked to be excused for the afternoon, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections? Hearing none, so ordered. That'll move us up to the consideration then; let's move to the consideration of 352 which is I believe, Senator Whitney's first bill in a set of series of retirement bills.

CLERK: Legislative Bill 352. Introduced by Senator Sy--by Senator Whitney (read). There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. LB 352 would provide for vesting in the past service portion of County Employees Retirement System for any employee with 10 or more years of service immediately prior to termination before age 65. The vested benefits would be deferred until age 65. This would protect the retirement benefits earned by the County employees. Passage of this bill will have no fiscal impact on the State. I will have a nominal fiscal impact on the counties by reducing the amounts recaptured on non vested terminations.